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Unsettled tonight and Saturday.  
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## GIRL IS TRAILED IN \$1,000 THEFT

Pretty Gertrude Griffith and  
Crippled Man Are Sought  
For Skirt Robbery.

### WARRANT ISSUED FOR THEM

Detectives Find Pair Fled House  
in a Taxicab—Missing on  
Train.

Hot on the trail of pretty twenty-year-old Gertrude Griffith, the young maid wanted for the theft of \$1,000 hidden in an old skirt from Mrs. William J. Thomas, of the Oswego apartments, in U street northwest, detectives today are scouring Baltimore for the girl and her companion, a crippled man well known to the police of this city.

Every effort is being made to apprehend the couple before they succeed in spending or hiding the money they are wanted for stealing.

### Warrant for Arrest.

A warrant for the arrest of the girl was issued by the prosecuting attorney of the Police Court this morning after detectives had traced the girl and her companion to the Union Station and learned by telegraph that they had gotten off the train at Baltimore.

In a taxicab, the couple made the first lap of their flight to the Union Station. Here they made inquiries about going to New York. Officers who boarded the train at Jersey City failed to find any trace of the pair. The District attorney's office is investigating the facts of the case to determine whether any action can be taken against the man with whom the girl left the city.

### Benefactor Took Her In.

Mrs. Thomas, who moved to the Oswego Apartments yesterday, had taken the girl in because the latter declared she did not have a home. She said today that she had asked the police to keep the crippled man away from the girl, as she had known previously that he had been the cause of considerable trouble to the girl.

The girl's benefactor had gone to sleep about 9 o'clock, leaving the old skirt hanging in a closet. She had no idea that the girl knew of the presence of the money in the skirt. Mrs. Thomas awakened about 11 o'clock and then discovered her loss. The couple had gotten more than an hour's start before the police were notified.

## SHERIDAN'S NIECE BRIDE ONLY A DAY

Husband Dies Twenty-Four  
Hours After Marriage—May  
Keep Postoffice.

Widowed within less than twenty-four hours after her marriage to T. C. Wilson, the former Miss Nellie Sheridan, favorite niece of the famous civil war general, will probably be allowed to retain charge of the postoffice at Somerset, Ohio, a position she resigned in order to be married last Wednesday.

First Assistant Postmaster General Roper, in the absence of any papers in the case, could not make any promise today regarding the department's action on the resignation, but he said that he was reasonably sure the woman could retain her position, if she had resigned it for no other reason than that she wanted to be married.

"Although she was appointed as Miss Sheridan and is now a Mrs. Wilson, I do not believe a reappointment will be necessary," said the official, after he had been shown the dispatch from New York, Ohio, telling of the wedding of Miss Sheridan Wednesday evening and the death of her husband the following afternoon, as a result of Bright's disease.

"Her resignation has not come to this department yet, so of course I know nothing about it officially. But I don't suppose there will be any trouble about it."

## FULL BOX SCORE IN 5:30 EDITION

### FIRST GAME

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New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries—Boehling and Henry, Schultz and Seweney.

## ROCKS ON TRACK OF CURRENCY MEASURE

Many Weeks Ahead of Bill  
Before It Can Pass Upper  
House of Congress.

Indications of trouble in the track of the Administration currency bill continued to loom up today. While President Wilson is telling callers he is certain of enactment of a currency measure in the special session, bankers representing the recent conference in Chicago, assailed the bill before the Banking and Currency Committee and told the committee the measure was not workable.

It became clear this morning that the Weeks' resolution, directing the committee on banking to report a bill December 2, would be killed directly or indirectly, but prospects are as strong as ever that it will be many weeks before it will be possible to drive a currency bill through the upper house. Senators are preparing to leave Washington in large numbers as soon as the tariff bill passes.

That the Administration bill is not workable, that neither the State nor national banks would enter the system, and that the country would have a "bill but not a bank" were statements made to the committee today by Col. Wexler, of New Orleans.

Mr. Wexler said: "I can't conceive the bill's going into operation at all if passed in its present form. If the House bill is passed, you will have only a shell. You may pass all the bills you like, but you will have only a bill, not a bank."

Col. Wexler, of Chicago, made the striking declaration that the pending bill would interfere with the banks' giving help in emergencies. He said: "This bill imposes \$500,000,000 reserves, ties them up like fixed capital, so they can't be used."

## You Must Not Drink On Your Own Doorstep

A man has no right to drink intoxicating liquor on his doorstep or any place adjoining the sidewalk, according to Judge Muldowney, although Judge Pugh held several months ago that a man had a perfect right to imbibe on his own premises.

Judge Muldowney made the ruling today, when he fined Edward McCormack \$10 on a charge of drinking while sitting on a platform at a brewery. He contended that the aim of the law is to prevent drinking in view of the general public.

## Maniac Kills Thirteen, Injures Eleven Others

STUTTGART, Germany, Sept. 5.—Murdering his wife and four children as they slept, a demented school teacher named Wagner, of Degerloch, early today went to the neighboring village of Mülhausen and shot down more than a score of persons, after setting fire to their houses.

The madman was awakened at 1:30 a. m. by fires in a dozen or more dwellings, and as they rushed out into the streets, Wagner opened fire on them. Eight men and women were instantly killed and eleven seriously injured. Five others were fatally.

The madman was finally overpowered and almost beaten to death before officers rescued him from the angry mob.

## I. C. C. Again Suspends Raised Freight Rates

The Interstate Commerce Commission today further suspended until March 12, 1914, the operation of schedules put into effect by railroads in the central freight classification territory increasing the tariffs on shipments of structural iron and steel. A new case was filed with the commission today by the Jackson Oil and Refining Company against the Southern Railroad and the Atlanta and Vicksburg Railroad, protesting against rate increases from Alabama points to Jackson, Miss.

## MULHALL FINISHES LOBBY TESTIMONY

Wrangles With N. A. M. Attorney  
Just Before He Is Excused  
By House.

Col. Martin M. Mulhall, former lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, concluded his testimony before the House lobby investigating committee shortly after noon today. Colonel Mulhall was excused, and he beamed his satisfaction at the end of his ordeal.

The self-confessed lobbyist had been on the stand for about two weeks, and had been the target for thousands of questions relative to his "confession."

More wrangling occurred today just before the witness was excused. Colonel Mulhall and Robert McCarter, attorney for the N. A. M., scrapped continually and at one time these two, Chairman Garrett, John W. H. Grim, attorney for Mulhall, and J. P. Bird, general manager of the N. A. M., engaged in a four-cornered conversation, the chairman warning the sparring ones that the committee would use all the power in its possession to stop the continual wrangling.

The cross-examination of Colonel Mulhall today continued with unabated vigor, and Mr. McCarter irritated the colonel by pressing him to explain discrepancies here and there in his previous testimony. Colonel Mulhall frequently declined "yes" and "no" replies on the plea that "my mind isn't clear or that now."

Following the conclusion of the Mulhall testimony, the committee began the examination of officials of the National Association of Manufacturers who have denied most of the Mulhall story before the Senate committee.

## Warfare Threatens Election in Mexico

That there can be no elections in Mexico until a truce is established between the revolutionists and the other factions, was the declaration of constitutional agents in Washington today.

"Huerta is in power in the cities which he holds alone by artillery," said a representative of the constitutionalists. "The majority of the voters live in the country, and not in the cities, and the country districts are cent with revolution. How is there going to be an election until a truce is established among the factions?"

"The constitutionalists are determined to stand pat for the present. We know that if some one's move, but that it is not ours. What's going to be done the way of effecting a truce so the elections can take place?"

Big incomes will have to pay a tax of 7 per cent if the decision reached by the Senate Democrats today in caucus becomes the law.

Insurgency has become rife and many of the Democrats object to the caucus vote. After a stormy discussion, the caucus voted to compromise on the following as to income tax rates: \$20,000 to \$25,000, 2 per cent; \$25,000 to \$50,000, 3 per cent; \$50,000 to \$75,000, 4 per cent; \$75,000 to \$100,000, 5 per cent; \$100,000 to \$250,000, 6 per cent; \$250,000 to \$500,000, 7 per cent; above \$500,000, 7 per cent.

## IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.  
Met at 2 o'clock.  
Senate Democrats hold lengthy caucus on tariff and income tax.

West Virginia inquiry proceeds. Banking and currency hearings resumed. Senate leaders planning early vote on tariff bill.

HOUSE.  
The House met at noon.  
Debate on urgent deficiency appropriation bill resumed.  
House lobby committee continued probe, concluding examination of Colonel Mulhall.  
Currency bill ordered reported by the Banking and Currency Committee.

## NAVY LIKELY TO RETAIN MERCER

Pleas Made For Youth Who  
Enlisted Rather Than Face  
Trial on Theft Charge.

### DANIELS RECONSIDERS CASE

May Put Boy on Probation as  
Result of Intervention By  
Congressman Lewis.

Daniel Webster Mercer, of Clifton, Frederick county, Md., who was permitted to enlist in the navy by the State's attorney of Frederick county rather than stand trial on a charge of theft, may not be discharged from the navy after all.

Following a visit made to Secretary Daniels this morning by Congressman David J. Lewis of Maryland, the Secretary is understood to be reconsidering his decision to force Mercer out.

### Daniels Hears Pleas.

The case has aroused considerable interest because of the warm letter written by Secretary Daniels to Governor Goldsborough of Maryland, condemning the action of State's Attorney Samuel A. Lewis, who permitted the youth to enlist. Secretary Daniels declared that it was a reflection on the enlisted personnel of the navy, and discouraging to those in the department who were endeavoring to induce boys of good family to enlist. Governor Goldsborough answered, agreeing with the Secretary, and declaring that he had demanded an explanation of the State's attorney.

Congressman Lewis, who is no relation of the State's attorney, was accompanied this morning by Robert A. Kemp, treasurer of the Central Trust Company of Frederick and George J. Ross, head of the Monocacy Valley Canning Company, both of whom had suffered by Mercer's alleged thefts. They told the Secretary that Mercer was a good boy, and that his offenses consisted solely of the theft of an air rifle from Mr. Kemp's son, which Mercer afterward returned, and the stealing of a few peaches from Mr. Ross. They added their pleas to that of the Congressman.

It is understood that the Secretary is considering giving the lad six months' probation at the navy reformatory barracks at Port Royal, and, if he makes good, permitting him to remain in the service.

## U. S. MAY REJECT MILITANT LEADER

Mrs. Pankhurst Must Show  
Officials at Ellis Island She  
Is Not Fugitive.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of English suffragettes, may have a militant task on her hands when she tries to get into the United States in October. Her first converts will have to be officials at Ellis Island unless New York suffragists win them to the cause in the meantime.

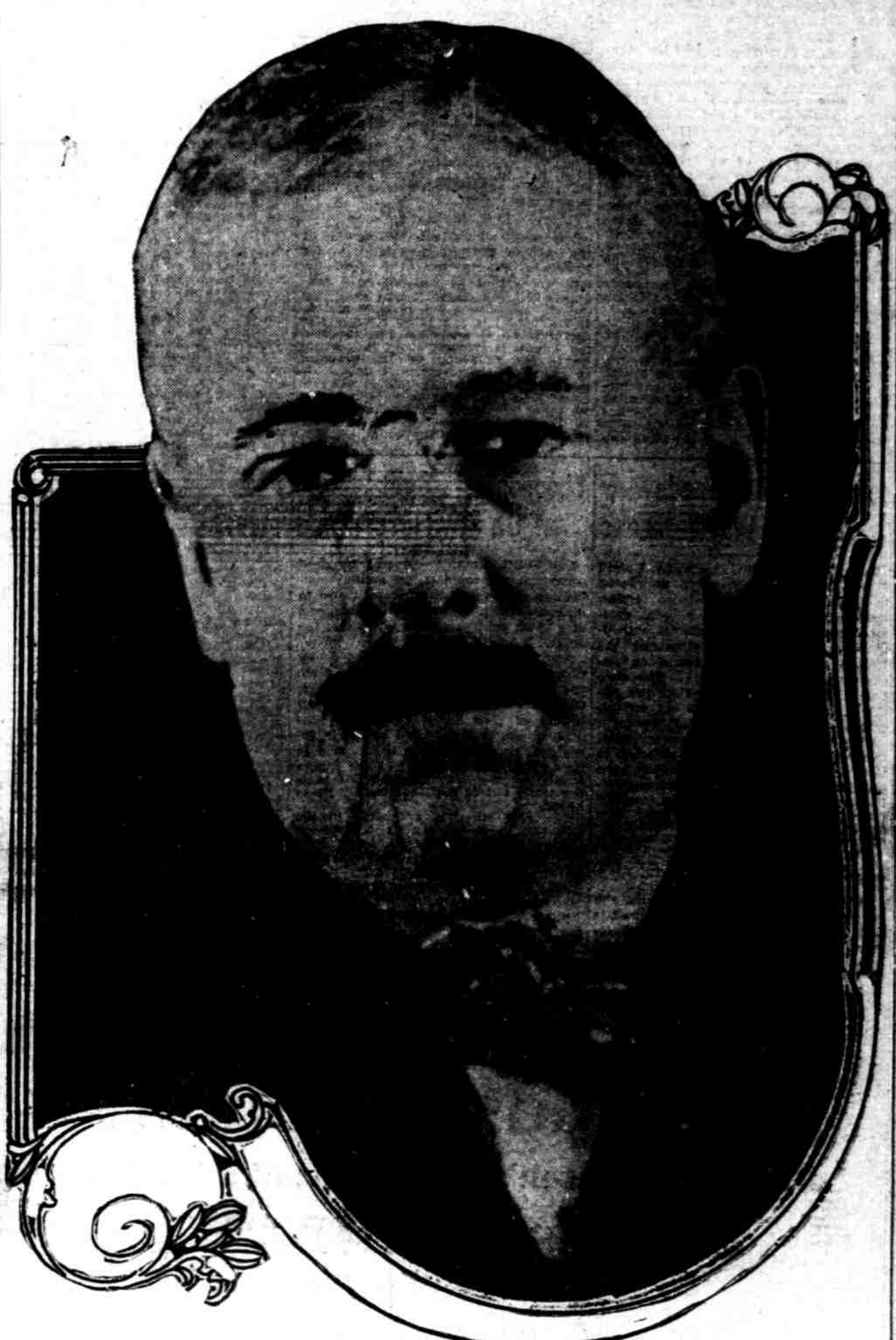
This developed today when the suffragists found themselves face to face with the United States immigration laws, which bar fugitives from justice. Although Mrs. Pankhurst is not being sought as a fugitive she is technically a fugitive from England.

Supt. Baker of Ellis Island said today the officials had not decided what would be done with Mrs. Pankhurst.

### Motorcyclist Hits Wire.

Running into the guy-wire of a telegraph pole while riding a motorcycle on the Belt road this afternoon, Grover Bishop, a member of No. 22 Fire Engine Company, was thrown to the ground and his head, face, arm and wrist were hurt. He was taken to George Washington University Hospital.

## JEROME ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING; JEERED BY MOB ON WAY TO JAIL, CALLS IT PLOT BY THAW LAWYERS



WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME, Thaw's Nemesis, Arrested in Canada for Gambling.

## Ralph B. Pratt Quits, Holmes Succeeds Him

Announcement was made today of the resignation of Ralph B. Pratt, secretary to Commissioner Siddons, to take effect September 23. Mr. Pratt will be succeeded by William H. Holmes, a clerk in the office of the Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Pratt having been given leave of absence. Mr. Holmes is now fulfilling the duties of the position.

The new private secretary to Commissioner Siddons is from Meriwether county, Ga., and is twenty-six years old. He came to Washington in 1906 and for five years was employed in the Bureau of International Exchanges, Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Pratt entered the service of the District as a clerk in the Police Department June 1, 1904. On January 1, 1907 he was appointed private secretary to former Commissioner Vest, and was retained in the position by Mr. Vest's successor, Gen. John A. Johnston. Several offers of business connections have been made Mr. Pratt.

## New York Lawyer Played Poker; Canadian Witness Swears Out a Warrant—He Is Taken to Cell and Then Released on Bail of \$500—Hearing Will Take Place Tomorrow.

COATICOOKE, Quebec, Sept. 5.—William Travers Jerome, former district attorney of New York, and nemesis of Harry K. Thaw, was arrested today by a Canadian policeman on a charge of gambling, and was placed in jail incommunicado.

The special deputy general sent to Canada by New York State to regain possession of Thaw was led through the streets with a hostile hooting, yelling, jeering mob of

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## NEW HAVEN SPED FIVE TRAINS IN 10 MILES OF TRACK

Fast Passengers Run Close  
Together By New Haven  
Road in Dense Fog.

### SIGNALS LONG OUT OF DATE

Engineers Protested Year Ago,  
Says Testimony at the  
Wreck Investigation.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 5.—How five passenger trains, made up mostly of flimsy wooden cars, but carrying loads of precious human freight, were packed on to a space of track only ten miles long in a dense fog on the morning of the Wallingford wreck, in which twenty-one persons lost their lives, was told to the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission here today.

### At Mercy of Old Signals.

These trains were at the mercy of the out-of-date "hand" signals in use on the New Haven, and how a committee of engineers employed on the road had protested to the officials more than a year ago, on the ground that these signals were not safe, was also told the commission here today.

### A new signal system was not installed

as a result of this protest. John C. Kelley, a train dispatcher told of the packing of trains between Wallingford, Conn., and Air Line Junction. Five trains were between them, within ten miles apart, when the first section of No. 45 was blocked. That Kelley released No. 45 and the crash followed.

The "White Mountain" covered the distance from Meriden to Wallingford in five minutes. Kelley said he was faster by several minutes than the time made by others. Kelley said he depended on the signals to keep the trains separated.

### Could Not See Far.

But Engineer Rufus W. Wanda, of the Bar Harbor express, said he could not see the signals at a distance of more than 300 feet. "This was faster by several minutes than the time made by others. Kelley said he depended on the signals to keep the trains separated."

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### Often Ran By Signals.

Wanda said he did not know positively whether the rear end of his train cleared the signal. The "hand" signals give no warning of a block until the engineer sees the signal, he said. Signals with distance warnings are safer, he said, but the engineers' committee protest had not brought results. In foggy weather Wanda said he often ran by signals. He was never disciplined for the offense, he said. He had never been examined on the subject.

H. B. Cavanaugh, chief draftsman of the New Haven railroad, was the first witness called when Commissioner McCord called the session to order at 10:25.

He identified blue prints of the scene of the wreck prepared in his department.

## Excise Commissioners Confer With Wilson

Members of the Board of Excise Commissioners called at the White House this morning and paid their respects to President Wilson. The Commissioners, Gen. Robert G. Smith, Henry S. Baker and Joseph C. Sheehy, explained that they wished to see President Wilson before organizing, and immediately after leaving the White House, they went to the Municipal Building. They were sworn in yesterday.

"We anticipate no difficulty in enforcing the law," said Mr. Sheehy, who acted as spokesman for the Commissioners, "and entertain no fear that the law will be successfully attacked. The work is a big one, and we shall try to enforce it effectively and impartially."

The President greeted the new officers cordially, and showed plainly that he expected proper enforcement of the law.

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